

## News in brief

### 509th MedGp limits service

Due to numerous temporary duty requirements, the 509th Medical Group has temporarily limited service of the facility. The clinic returns to full staffing May 6. Customers are asked to remain patient during this period when the number of providers available will be 70 percent. Acute and routine services will continue to be provided. For preventive services patients are asked to schedule those after May 6 when the clinic returns to full staffing. For more details, call 687-4890.

### Road closure set

The east end of Ellsworth Lane and Spirit Boulevard is closed except for contractors due to the construction of a professional development center. Closing the street helps keep a safe working environment. For more details, call Earnie Macios at 687-6295.

### Sijan Avenue closes Monday

The construction area connecting Sijan Avenue to Summit Drive will be closed Monday-May 13. This impacts the east side approach to the 509th Medical Group. During this time, two routes can be used to get to the clinic. From the Spirit Gate, travelers turn right on Houx Drive and left onto Sijan Avenue. From Mitchell Avenue, take Summit Drive and take the first right at the Midland neighborhood, turn right onto Mace Circle, turn right onto Houx Drive and right onto Sijan Avenue. The contractor will provide detour signs for the new route. The detours require using housing streets, so drivers are reminded to follow the 15 mph speed limit, and the 5 mph limit when children are present. For more details, call Gary Hall, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 687-6281.

### WOSC schedules meeting

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday for bingo. Prizes will be awarded and food will be served. This event is open to WOSC members only. For more details, call Michelle Hunt at 563-4858.

### Military appreciation day set

The Central Missouri State University Mules baseball team hosts a military appreciation day April 30. Military members and their families get in free with a military ID card for the double header against the Washburn University Ichabods. The first game starts at 1 p.m. at James R. Crane Stadium/Robert N. Tompkins Field. For more details, call the public affairs office at 687-6123.

### WESC hosts craft fair

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Community is sponsoring a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 at Knob Noster High School. For more details or to purchase a booth, call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818 or e-mail at [craftshow2005@yahoo.com](mailto:craftshow2005@yahoo.com).



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

## Buffing the Bomber

**Capt. Tim Hale, 325th Bomb Squadron, with the help of his son, Jack, scrubs the B-52 Stratofortress bomber static display Monday. Twice each year, wing members clean the display. Twenty-eight people from the 509th Medical Group, the 325th BS and the 509th BW volunteered for this project.**

# 442nd faces familiar 'tune'

## Unit deployment exercise returns after 8-year hiatus

By Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Like the almost-forgotten words to an old song that's suddenly remembered, the 442nd Fighter Wing members came together April 15 and Saturday to remember and reprise the old, but distantly familiar, Operational Readiness Inspection preparation "song."

Whiteman's deployment center became a hive of activity as the 442nd's reservists and cargo passed through the deployment process known as the ORI's Phase 1.

The exercise added to the already hectic schedule of a fully involved wing.

"We are a very busy wing," said Lt. Col. Ronald Hankes, 442nd FW's Exercise Evaluation Team chief. "The availability of reservists gives a short window of opportunity to prepare for an ORI."

The limited time available to prepare was coupled with the fact that the last ORI was in 1997. However, events the wing supported in the eight years since kept the deployment process on reservists' minds.

Following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the wing deployed security forces, firefighters, services personnel and many others around the country and the world in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

In a partnership with its sister Reserve unit, the 926th Fighter Wing from New Orleans in 2002, the wing dispatched more than 100 members and two A-10s to Afghanistan in support of ongoing operations.

In 2003, the 442nd made Air Force history when its 303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron became the first U.S. Air Force

fighter unit to forward base during Operation Iraqi Freedom at Tallil Air Base, Iraq. The feat was repeated when the wing again deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

While recent experiences responding to world events demonstrated the 442nd's abilities to deploy and fight, the successful outcome of the ORI will officially validate those credentials.

To meet the challenge of the ORI, wing members reviewed the last inspection's lessons learned, formulated a plan, put on its game face and forged ahead.

Colonel Hankes said that wing members' positive attitudes made the process work.

"It's easy for people to get frustrated (with the process)," Colonel Hankes said. "Even though it has been a while since we had an ORI, that didn't happen today."

Master Sgt. Chuck Wellman, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron chief of personal property, agreed with Colonel Hankes.

"The 442nd was just incredible," said Sergeant Wellman, who is also on the EET team for the cargo deployment function. "Their willingness to just do it and get things done (really worked). It was really quite a pleasure dealing with them."

Sergeant Wellman wasn't the only 509th Bomb Wing member present. In addition to other 509th EET members, the deployment center was largely staffed by 509ers, with many of them working on their normal day off.

"We worked very closely with the 509th BW and the folks there did a superb job," Colonel Hankes said. "They made sure we knew where we stood along the way and I look forward to working with them in the ORI."

Cargo build-up proved to be a strength for the unit. At the hot-wash following the exercise, Colonel Hankes termed that portion of the deployment agenda as "overall excellent; maintenance knows how to build cargo."

Unit deployment managers also earned praise for the success of the exercise.

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# Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

**SUPPORT YOU CAN SEE.** We talk frequently about the great community friends we have in central Missouri. This week we got support you can see and feel, when our family support center received 101 care packages that will be sent to 509ers overseas. Several Kansas City businesses have come together in the "K.C. Heroes" program to provide area residents an opportunity to donate items for the boxes, which are also filled with Kansas City memorabilia. Our neighbors truly appreciate what you do, and this is just another way they show it.

**SPOTLIGHT ON STEALTH.** Gen. Nathan Twining, one of our earliest chiefs of staff, once said, "If our Air Forces are never used, they have achieved their finest objective." That goal happens through deterrence — making sure potential enemies know we're ready to defend our nation, and that testing us is a non-starter.

You may have noticed that 509ers and the B-2 have been featured a lot in Air Force and DoD media services lately. It's not just our own teammates who are watching. Various news media around the world have written stories about our first AEF deployment to Andersen Air Force Base.

Thursday's global power mission to England will also be highlighted by Air Force media. By showing our ability to reach across the globe with serious combat power, we reassure our friends and give our potential enemies pause. Being prepared for war, every day, provides the best possibility of maintaining peace. Something to think about; something to be proud of — you're a warrior right here in Missouri.

**WEATHER WISDOM.** We've enjoyed a couple weeks of pleasant spring weather, but that does NOT mean



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

**Jack Bryant and Master Sgt. Gerald Carr, family support center, stack one of the 101 care packages delivered Wednesday. Several Kansas City-based businesses are working together to provide donated goods to deployed Whiteman members.**

we're out of storm season yet. Tornadoes and thunderstorms can roll in at any time, so take a few moments this weekend to check your emergency procedures and supplies.

**LEADING BY (BAD) EXAMPLE.** The most recent Air Combat Command fatality brief once again featured people who failed to wear their seat belts. Unbelievably, one of the casualties was a unit safety representative. We

recently published an article about the benefits your family stands to lose when you make a poor decision that results in injury or death. Seat belts and alcohol — two subjects you hear a lot about, because they're that important. Moderation with alcohol (remember 0-0-1-3), and seat belts both save lives. No one is immune from the laws of physics — not even a safety rep. Buckle up!

# Change: the only thing constant in military

By Lt. Col. Charles Douglass

509th Security Forces Squadron Commander

When I joined the Air Force, my first base was Whiteman.

Then, Whiteman was one of the homes for Strategic Air Command's key nuclear weapons arsenal and a missile wing.

Whiteman was home of something else in the late 1980s — constancy. Everything from duty schedules, to the training, even to the uniforms we wore, was constant in SAC for the decade before I arrived. I was told from the time I was a young lieutenant, if you need to do something, it will be in a checklist, and those checklists didn't change very often.

In the winter of 1988, a wind of change started to blow. The changes would be dramatic and constant throughout my career. As I worked through the changes, I found one simple but very important thing: the most important thing was not the change itself, it's how we react to it — our attitude.

A few years ago, I read the book "Who Moved My Cheese" by Drs. Spence Johnson and Ken Blanchard. When I started reading about some mice and "little peo-

ple" I thought it was comical. I later found the changes that occurred and how the four characters reacted to it to be very true.

Just like in this book, I've seen throughout my career that I and those around me place a lot of importance, even our own self worth, in the phrase, "the cheese," we can find. If things are "this way," then I have meaning because I fit into the process. Just like in "Who Moved My Cheese," we attach emotion and sentiment to constancy. When things change, our image of the world changes and we often fear it.

Some of the most unhappy people I meet these days in the military are those with expectations of constancy that don't meet reality. I can only speculate how they got the expectation that things in the military would be constant.

Life in the military I entered is not, and will never be, free of significant changes. These changes can be jobs, locations, uniforms or any myriad of variables. If anything, the changes in life and the military are accelerating.

The one thing I can control in this ever-changing military is how I react to the change. This is important whether I'm a leader or a follower.

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509th Security Forces Squadron Commander

In the early part of my career, I would simply try to find constancy and was upset by change. I still see this daily with people who were counting on constancy, only to be "disappointed" by change. Someone "moved their cheese."

The people who are happiest and also most successful in today's military, and in the world of modern business, also are those who anticipate change. They react well to it and most importantly, those who can predict it to their (or their unit's) advantage. These successful "change surfers" are people who are key team players, who look for the changes that are coming and implications for their organization. These people are happy and have a great attitude. When something changes, they

often say to me, "Well, I expected something to change, and we are already postured to take advantage of this."

Military units — specifically Air Force units that nurture people who are successful "change surfers" and which have a climate of pro-activity and positive attitudes will always do well.

Having discussions on having a positive attitude with co-workers you work with is important. In order to have a positive attitude, it's necessary to anticipate changes and lead your peers and followers to understand it's not a bad thing, and can even help them.

Things have changed dramatically here since the late 1980s (When I arrived at Whiteman as a lieutenant). I'm willing to bet it will change some more with my current assignment here. Over my career, I have learned not to fear change, but try to anticipate it.

When you're at work today, and something changes, ask yourself if you expected it and how you're going to react to it. Also, ask yourself if you could have anticipated the change. In other words, how will you react when someone "moves your cheese."

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# Finance explains new travel system

By Senior Airman David Stark

509th Comptroller Squadron

Whiteman will implement the Defense Travel System May-July. It will eliminate filing paper vouchers at finance and supervisors' signatures, and reduces the waiting time for payments.

The traveler and the approving officials in the squadron will be in charge of travel-related responsibilities. When the system is fully implemented, people won't have to leave the computer to get authorization to travel, or to complete a travel voucher.

DTS is a secure Internet-based program. People can log on at <http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil> using the common access card and a personal identification number.

When travelers log on, they will build the itinerary: day of departure, destination and day of return. They then make reservations for flights, lodging and rental cars. The reservation portion of the system is similar to other online travel services.

After making reservations, travelers will add additional expected expenses. Once travelers have built the itinerary and claimed expenses they plan to incur, they will submit it to their DTS approving official. This approving official will review the expected expenses, and either approve or send it back to the traveler to change. Once the expenses are approved, the traveler is authorized to leave for temporary duty.

The traveler must log back into the system after returning to create a voucher from their prior authorization. At this point, costs can be changed, corrected, deleted or added. Receipts for expenses can also be scanned and attached electronically to the document. This allows the traveler to estimate cost and verify those costs upon return.

Once everything is verified, the traveler will send the voucher through to the approving official once more. The approving official reviews the finalized costs and approves it. After the electronic voucher is approved, the traveler (and the government travel card) will be paid in 72 hours.

Travelers must note that only routine TDYs, honor guard details, medical TDYs and local travel will be processed through DTS. Also, expenses the traveler indicated were paid with a government travel card will be automatically paid to the card company.

People who haven't used or have an expired common access card PIN must go to the military personnel flight in Bldg. 509, Room 117 and reset it. Also, if your workstation is not set up with a CAC reader, contact your work group manager to get one.

People can visit <http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil> and the 509th Comptroller Squadron's DTS Web site at <https://intranet.whiteman.af.mil/509BW/BW/CPTS/DTS.html> for more details.

People can also call Master Sgt. Albert Concepcion at 687-5372, 1st Lt. Mark Koeppen at 687-6327 or Staff Sgt. Melanie Danker at 687-4466 for more details.

## CLIP AND SAVE:

DTS will be implemented here in phases. They are:

### Phase I begins May 13

509th Bomb Wing staff, 509th Comptroller Squadron, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron and 509th Mission Support Squadron

### Phase II begins May 27

509th Mission Support Group staff, 509th Communications Squadron, 509th Contracting Squadron, 509th Security Forces Squadron and 509th Services Squadron

### Phase III begins June 10

509th Maintenance Group

### Phase IV begins June 24

509th Operations Group

### Phase V begins July 8

509th Medical Group

### Phase VI begins July 22

Detachment 5, 29th Training Systems Squadron, 715th Weapons School, Det. 12, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Det. 6, 372nd Training Squadron, Air Force Flight Standard Adjutant General and Air Force Element U.S. Army Command General Staff College staff and students.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

## Legacy to live up to

Second Lt. Irma Garcia, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, shows a women's history display to Jessica Winkler and Sarah Bachmann. The Women's History Month committee invited Knob Noster High School students to attend the Whiteman Women's History Month luncheon Monday. The luncheon was held to celebrate women's contributions throughout history. Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant was the speaker. Jessica is the daughter of Master Sgt. Maria Althoff, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Sarah is the daughter of Col. (Dr.) Rick Bachmann, 509th Medical Group commander.

# Thieves 'phish' for personal information

By Special Agent Timothy Slusher

Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations

"Phishing" is a ploy that uses e-mail spam or pop-up messages to deceive people into disclosing credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, passwords or other sensitive information.

Computer users may receive an e-mail from a business or organization — a bank, online payment service or sometimes even a government agency. These e-mails claim the recipients must validate or update their account information. The e-mail will display a link that appears legitimate; however, it will actually open another Internet window to the fraudulent Web site. The display message is usually designed to scare a victim into providing personal information without thoroughly examining the Web page.

Whiteman members, like everyone else, can become victims of these types of scams. Several Air Force members have recently reported receiving these types of e-mails. One person reported receiving an e-mail offering employment opportunities in hopes of enticing the potential victim into providing personal information. Others have reported similar e-mails requesting they verify personal account information.

While these e-mails may look official, with all the right graphics or logos, recipients must pay close attention to the Web address to ensure they really are accessing the organization's true Web site.

The Federal Trade Commission has identified phishing as a growing problem to defraud consumers. Several measures have been sent to Congress to make this activity illegal and to help law enforcement agencies track down and prosecute those involved.

The FTC offers tips to help consumers avoid being hooked by a phishing scam:

- ✓ Be wary of any e-mail or pop-up message asking for account validation; legitimate companies don't ask for this information via e-mail.
- ✓ If concerned about your account, contact the compa-

ny by phone or customer service e-mail account for verification.

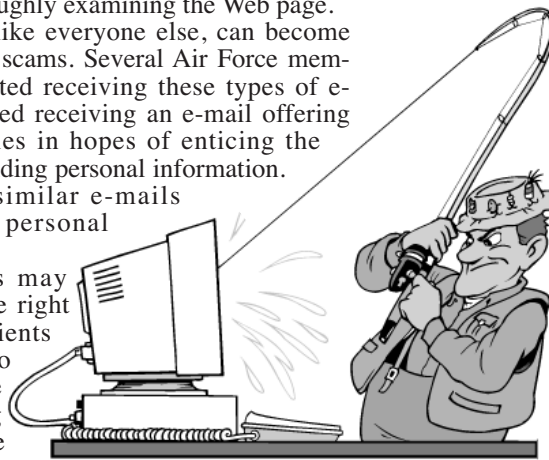
- ✓ Remember, e-mail is not a secure method of transmitting sensitive information.
- ✓ Review credit card and bank statements as soon as you receive them for unauthorized transactions.
- ✓ Ensure anti-virus software is current, since some phishing e-mails contain software that can track online activity without your knowledge.
- ✓ Be cautious about opening any attachments to e-mails you receive, regardless of who sends them, as it may contain hidden programs infecting the computer.

These suspicious e-mails should be reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the FTC. These agencies have dedicated sections investigating computer-related crimes. Several legitimate companies, whose names are being used by these phishing scammers, are also conducting investigations into the origination of the scams.

If you believe you've been a victim of a phishing scam (not merely a recipient), file a complaint with the FTC at <http://www.ftc.org> or call 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) and forward the e-mail to [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov); to file a complaint with the FBI go to <http://www.ic3.gov>.

Although most incidents of identity theft don't threaten the Air Force mission, it can have an indirect impact on our forces. What affects Air Force members can impact our readiness to perform the mission. As such, Air Force Office of Special Investigations investigates identity theft when the identification is illicitly obtained from Air Force sources, or when an Air Force member is the suspect, or when Air Force members are specifically targeted (not merely just one of many recipients like the recent Bank of America incident).

If you feel you've been a victim of identity theft, call the AFOSI at 687-1852 for assistance. For more information on identity theft and e-mail scams, visit <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft> or <http://www.fbi.gov/cyberinvest/escams.htm>.





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## Whiteman Spirit Award



### Master Sgt. James Presley

509th Services Squadron

Master Sgt. James Presley, 509th Services Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Tuesday.

Second Lt. Megan Davenport, 509th SVS, nominated Sergeant Presley for the award.

During the wing's two-week aggregation, Sergeant Presley made lodging reservations for deploying members at Whiteman. He also made arrangements for deploying members to have housing, fitness and recreation. Lieutenant Davenport said Sergeant Presley sacrificed a lot of personal time for the aggregation.

"Sergeant Presley exhibited initiative and outstanding selflessness," she said.

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Superintendent plans and force management

**Time on station:** 1 year, 6 months

**Time in service:** 17 years

**Hometown:** Loveland, Colo.

**Spouse:** Theresa

**Hobbies:** Hanging out with my wife and kids, watching my boys play sports, spending time with friends, fishing, bowling and motorcycle riding.

**Goals:** To have as much positive impact on our future Air Force leaders as I can before I retire.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** It's a great place to raise my children.

**Pet Peeves:** People who always complain and never give the extra effort it takes to make changes and people who say, "I can't."

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My desire to change problems into solutions — whether it be providing the best customer service I can, or teaching people how to do something correctly.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** I would change the attitude of supervisors who choose not to set the example for subordinates.



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

## The next leaders

Staff Sgt. Kristy Brown, airman leadership school instructor, inspects Senior Airman Joshua Lyons' uniform during an ALS formation. The ALS program prepares future NCOs for their roles as leaders and mentors. The ALS students are having a car wash fundraiser 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Parker's Grocery on Route 13 in Warrensburg. Proceeds of the fundraiser will go to the ALS graduation ceremony May 5 and other quality-of-life projects for future ALS students.

## EXERCISE, from Page 1

"The UDMs did some good work (preparing for the exercise)," said Col. Pat Cord, 442nd FW commander.

Sergeant Wellman put a long-term perspective on the road to the ORI.

"(For the ORI), I'd advise attention to detail," Sergeant Wellman said. "Paperwork can make or break the whole situation and it's important they make sure everything is exact."

Colonel Hanks agreed with Sergeant Wellman's advice.

"We need to work to dot our Is and cross our Ts," Colonel Hanks said.

This exercise showed the wing what is needed to be ready for the Phase 1 portion of the ORI and it will continue to practice to make perfect. In 2005, the employment side of the ORI will be scrutinized as wing members don protective gear to demonstrate the ability to survive and operate during Phase 2. The actual Phase 1 portion of ORI is tentatively planned for October 2006, while the time for Phase 2 is undetermined.

## Apache display

SEDALIA, Mo. — Visitors meet the aircrew of an Apache helicopter Saturday at the Katy Depot here. The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce hosts the National Endowment for the Humanities' traveling exhibit "Heroes of the Sky" through April 30. The event highlights the contributions of aviation pioneers. Airmen and Soldiers from Whiteman will highlight various aspects of current airpower operations. The exhibit is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free. Call 660-826-2222 or 800-827-5295 for more details.



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# 'Small-town girl' becomes big-time achiever

*Continuing the* **LEGACY**

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan  
Public Affairs

Randee Dietrick loved everything about her hometown. But by her 16th birthday, she would have done anything to get out.

Ridgway, Pa., population 4,500, lies in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains, in the rich forests of northwestern Pennsylvania. Here, Miss Dietrick, now a staff sergeant assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, can trace her family roots more than five generations. Nearly all her extended family have lived and prospered in Ridgway all their lives. Sergeant Dietrick said she loved Ridgway's small-town atmosphere and the beautiful backdrop of rolling hills overlooking the town, with the Appalachians looming in the distance. But her dreams extended beyond those rolling hills.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do," she said. "But whatever it was, I knew it was bigger than what I could do at Ridgway."

Sergeant Dietrick watched her parents struggle to put her two older siblings through college. Her father, Terry, and her mother, Donna, worked in a metal factory.

Then a high school student, Sergeant Dietrick worked part time at a pharmacy. She saw other students leave and then return to the town in obscurity, often working at the local grocery store or factories.

Her ambition led her to the U.S. Air Force. Despite her 3.6 grade point average, she declined chances to apply for academic scholarships. Instead, she committed early to the Air Force at 16 after a recruiter visited her high school.

"(The Air Force) was a way to get out of Ridgway and see what's out there," said Sergeant Dietrick, 25.

After attending basic training in the summer of 1998, she joined the Air Force's Presidential Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. The one of only four female ceremonial guardsmen in the 240-plus member squad, she said some of her male counter-

parts doubted her. The physically and mentally demanding position took its toll on her.

"It was very challenging on your body," she said. "Sometimes, we worked five funerals a day."

Working for the Presidential Honor Guard did have its perks, she said. As an airman first class, Sergeant Dietrick represented that rank at the funeral of the late John Levitow, an Airman who received the Medal of Honor. She also was part of an honorary welcome to George W. Bush when he was inaugurated as president.

"(Honor guard) was our life," said Sergeant Dietrick, who served the Presidential Honor Guard from 1998-2001. "We took great pride in it."

Then, in the summer of 2001, she arrived here, where she found her second family — the Airmen at Whiteman.

"I love hearing stories about their sons riding bikes for the first time, or their daughters' latest adventures," Sergeant Dietrick said. "It sounds ridiculous, but it's my family and I love them."

Today, Sergeant Dietrick's desk appears to display a lifetime of achievements. Countless medals and awards adorn her office. Pictures of the 14 chief master sergeants of the Air Force hang on her wall. Her office could be mistaken for that of a senior NCO, or perhaps a chief with 20 years of service. This summer marks Sergeant Dietrick's sixth year in the Air Force.

"She has a maturity you don't see in a lot of young staff sergeants," said Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th BW command chief master sergeant.

Chief Orcutt also said Sergeant Dietrick has earned the respect of senior NCOs and first sergeants. So how does a young NCO command such respect? Just walk into her office to find out.

A lieutenant colonel steps into her office. Sergeant Dietrick stands up and greets the officer with a smile. Later, an Airman bearing one stripe enters the room, making a delivery for Chief Orcutt. Sergeant Dietrick again stands up and greets the Airman with the same smile.

"The way she approaches people is phe-



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Staff Sgt. Randee Dietrick, 509th Bomb Wing, has collected more than 80 coins in just six years in the Air Force.**

nomenal," Chief Orcutt said.

"She gives respect and in turn gets it back," said Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin, 509th BW. "It's the old adage, 'what's given out is given back.'"

Sergeant Dietrick has gotten used to giving back. She's an active member of the Whiteman Tier 2, the Air Force Sergeant's Association, American Legion and Habitat

for Humanity.

It didn't take long for the 509th to notice her abilities. While working as the workgroup manager for the 509th Operations Support Squadron, she was named the wing's Airman of the Year in 2002. In 2004, she received the prestigious Charter Chief Contrails Award.

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Staff Sgt. Jody Arbogast, 509th Maintenance Squadron low-observable technician looks for scratches or chipped paint on a B-2. The Spirit's skin must be kept in pristine condition to help maintain its stealth qualities.



## B-2 crews demonstrate air power

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
Air Force Print News

**T**he B-2 Spirit bomber's capabilities to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most heavily defended targets depend on Airmen who help maintain the aircraft's stealth characteristic.

Mechanics deployed from the 509th Maintenance Squadron's low-observable section apply sheets and strips of radar-absorbent coating on the jet. The majority of the Airmen are aircraft sheet metal technicians who said they didn't know what to expect when they first arrived at the unit's home station of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

"I was ready to put my metals technology skills to the test. I was eager to fabricate, pound, bend and weld metals," said Senior Airman Bruce Vaughn, who was fresh from technical school when he reported to Whiteman two years ago.

Airman Vaughn said he was impressed by the size of the bomber when he first caught a glimpse of it inside a hangar. It was huge and intimidating, he said. But he was also surprised to discover that the aircraft is made of composite materials.

Composite materials are strong lightweight fibers bonded together chemically which reduce the overall weight of the aircraft. They also help to make the B-2 difficult to detect, track and engage.

"I quickly learned that almost everything I learned in tech school didn't apply to the B-2," Airman Vaughn said.

The sheet metal specialist had to learn a new set of skills to qualify as a low-observable technician. It takes years to understand the jet, he said. Maintaining and repairing the LO capabilities of the B-2 is a slow, lengthy and difficult process.

"You just don't pop rivets and fly here. This aircraft has to be maintained in a near-pristine



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Senior Airman James Casselman inspects a B-2 Spirit bomber before a morning mission here. Bomber aircraft have had an ongoing presence on the island since February 2004. Airman Casselman is an avionics specialist deployed from the 509th Bomb Wing.

state," said Staff Sgt. Jody Arbogast, another LO technician.

After a stealth aircraft flies, maintainers must perform safety inspections and weekly assessments. They repair tiny dings and scratches that increase the plane's radar signature, Sergeant Arbogast said. The B-2 uses an anti-radar system that depends on a smooth

outer skin. That, in turn, requires the usual access panels be covered with tape and special paste to make it smooth.

"After every flight, the aircraft has to be touched up. We spend a lot of hours examining it to make sure it's fit for stealth missions," Sergeant Arbogast said.

"It's a very process-oriented job. You have to

follow instructions completely step by step," said Staff Sgt. Nathan Keith, another LO technician.

Unlike when using sheet metal, where tolerances are more forgiving, here the gaps must be almost perfect.

"If mistakes are made during repair, we have to start all over from the beginning," Sergeant Keith said.

But staying longer hours is not their main worry. Their No. 1 priority, they said, is ensuring the pilots and the aircraft return safely.

Unlike B-1 Lancer and B-52 Stratofortress bombers that have active defensive countermeasures like flares and chaff, the B-2's only defense is its stealth characteristics. Squadron Airmen said they must be more critical when working on the jet to ensure it's picture perfect.

"Our pilots' lives depend on how well we do our job. There's no room for mistakes," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Schroeder, LO quality assurance supervisor.

LO technicians are some of the most dedicated and motivated troops in the Air Force, said Master Sgt. Troy Foote, a former LO technician and now a support engineer, from the 327th Combat System Sustainment Group at Tinker AFB, Okla.

"What they do is not like fixing a pot hole," he said. "They just don't shove dirt into it and not worry about doing it again next year."

They have to change aircraft paints, coatings, tapes and other radar-absorbing materials over and over again every day. It is hard work, he said.

The technicians said although at first it was not easy to learn this new trade, being an LO troop is rewarding work. They said that even though they don't hear much about the result of their efforts because of the sensitive nature of their work, they are aware of the global effect of their mission.

We just don't fly training missions here. Every day is a new experience, a new challenge," Sergeant Schroeder said.



Left: Senior Airman Randy Willets, Staff Sgt. John Jacobs and Senior Airman James Casselman inspect the landing gear door of a B-2 Spirit bomber before a morning mission. Bomber aircraft have had an ongoing presence at Guam since February 2004. The Airmen are 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics specialists. Far left: A B-2 soars over the Pacific Ocean.



## Sports shorts

### Royals offer free tickets

The Kansas City Royals announced a special Military Appreciation Ticket Program for the 2005 season. The program is designed to honor people in all branches of military service, including the National Guard. Active and retired military members and their families will receive free admission to any Sunday-Thursday home game during the season. Details of the Military Appreciation Ticket Program are outlined below.

- ✓ People must possess a valid military ID. Tickets are limited to four per military family.

- ✓ Tickets are available for all Sunday-Thursday home games, based on availability. Due to advance sales, the May 22 game against the St. Louis Cardinals won't be available.

- ✓ Seat locations are in the lower-level outfield plaza sections.

- ✓ Tickets are distributed only on game days at the guest ticket window located on the home plate side of Kauffman Stadium. The window opens 90 minutes before all Sunday-Thursday games.

"The Royals want to recognize the unparalleled sacrifices that members of the military make to secure our freedoms on a daily basis," said Royals President Dan Glass. "This special program for the 2005 season will enable us to reach out to the military community."



Courtesy photos

### Volleyball champs

Members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pose with the intramural volleyball championship trophy Wednesday at the fitness center. CES repeated its run as intramural champs defeating the 509th Communications Squadron in straight games 25-13, 25-22. CES finishes the season at 15-1. Inset: Members of the CS team pose with the second-place trophy. The runnerup CS reached the championship game by beating the 509th Security Forces Squadron, 27-25, 25-21 and the 509th Munitions Squadron 25-15, 25-18.

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of the Year in 2002. In 2004, she received the prestigious Charter Chief Contrails Award.

While many know Sergeant Dietrick for her sense of humor, her savvy under fire and respect toward others, her peers note another defining characteristic. Her three years with the Presidential Honor Guard left her with a lasting respect for the country she serves. Sergeant Dietrick said her time walking the ceremonial grounds at Arlington instilled a sense of pride that will last a lifetime. That sense of pride can be contagious.

“(Her patriotism) motivates us all,” Chief Orcutt said.

Next on Sergeant Dietrick’s horizon: completing her undergraduate degree and making a career out of the Air Force. Occasionally though, homesickness will take her back to Ridgway’s rolling hills. Sergeant Stoecklin said small-town values keep the big-time achiever humble.

## Remember.

**0** underage drinking

**0** DUI’s

**1** drink per hour

**3** drinks per night

## Chapel Services

### Catholic

Eucharist (Mass):

11:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays

5 p.m. Saturdays

9 a.m. Sundays

Religious education:

10:45 a.m. Sundays at the base education and training services center

Scripture study:

6 p.m. Sundays

### Protestant

General worship:

11 a.m. Sundays

Gospel:

1 p.m. Sundays

Sunday School:

9:30 a.m. Sundays

Youth:

4 p.m. Sundays

AWANA:

5 p.m. Sundays

Other worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more details, call 687-3652.

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## Community Activities

### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### Staying open late

The skills development center is open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays for your convenience. This is a good opportunity for people to work on projects, get help and advice with crafts or pick up a new hobby.

#### Framing class - new lower price

Become certified to cut single and double mats, assemble, cut glass and join a frame 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Students must bring a 5x7 or smaller picture to frame. The cost is \$25 per person or \$37.50 for a married couple.

#### Scrapbooking sale

Take advantage of up to 25 percent discount on all scrapbooks, paper and other supplies at the skills development center during April.

#### Metal power bandsaw training

Learn to safely operate a metal power bandsaw 1-3 p.m. May 4 at auto skills center.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Spring is here! That means fleas and ticks are coming out after the cold. Spring brings warmer temperatures and humidity which can quickly lead to flea and tick infestations. Your pet can contract tapeworms from ingesting fleas. Ticks are very common in this area and may carry Lyme disease and Ehrlichiosis Canis. The WAFB Vet clinic has an assortment of products to protect your pets. Call or visit the clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace. Open 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Month of the Military Child Celebration

Families are invited to swim 7-9 p.m. today at the Warrensburg Community Center. Children 9 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event!

#### Silver Dollar City and caving trip

There is a fifth-seventh grade field trip to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo 8 a.m. April 30 departing from the youth center. Youths will visit Marvel Cave while in the park, as well as enjoy the rides. Participants should bring extra money for food and drinks. The youth center will pay for the admission into the park. Sign up early because spots are limited. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. The cost is offset by Air Combat Command Trail funds. Payment is due at the time of registration. The van will return by 9 p.m.

#### Trip to Tantara indoor water park

Youths of all ages can join us for a day of swimming, water slides and fun at the indoor water park. The van departs at 9 a.m. May 7 from the youth center. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Participants should bring extra money for food and remember their swimsuits and towels. Places are limited so sign up early.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Friday night flicks

Grab some popcorn and watch a great movie on the big-screen television 6-10 p.m. April 29. The cost is \$1.

#### Worlds of Fun Trip

Teens can enjoy a day at the amusement park in Kansas City, Mo, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. April 30. Enjoy roller coasters and many other attractions. Bring money for admission into the park and for food. Sign up now.

#### Job Ready

The new Job Ready program takes place 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays starting May 3. Learn important skills that may help you land the job of your dreams. Subjects include understanding and completing job applications and requesting letters of reference.

#### Arabia steamboat and farmers' market

Admire the fascinating artifacts uncovered from the sunken steamboat and explore the farmers' market 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 7. Places are limited so sign up at the teen center as soon as possible. Participants should bring money for entrance fees and food.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Earth Day spirit

Learn about native fish, snakes, birds of prey and natural resources from environmentalist Neil Bass 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Skelton Park. This is a free event.

#### Tony Hawk video game tournament

Compete in a tournament beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Participants 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$2.

#### Youth and Teen flea market

Youths can sell unwanted stuff and home crafts at a flea market beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event.

#### Health for every body

Sign up for a five-session course to help develop a new attitude and put together a lifelong eating and fitness plan. The cost is \$40 payable at the time of registration. Classes are 4:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 4. Sign up by Tuesday by calling the community center at 687-5617.

#### Snoopy lives

Children 5 and older can make a recycled Snoopy Bank with their parent 1-2 p.m. April 30. Participants can also watch an entertaining and educational film "The Rotten Truth." This is a free event.

#### Cookie challenge

Demonstrate your baking prowess with an entry in the community center cookie competition. People can submit one dozen cookies for each of the four categories: holiday or special occasion, healthy, no bake or cookie maker's special. Cookies will be judged on taste, creativity and appearance. The original recipe must be submitted and may be included in the Air Combat Command Family Members' cookbook. Pick up an entry form from the community center and deliver the cookies by May 2.

### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

#### Returning home care

Military members returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment are entitled to 16 hours of free child care for each child 12 years old and younger. An application and a copy of orders must be submitted to the family child care office prior to participation.

## Sports & Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Boater safety course (pontoon)

There will be a training course 8 a.m.-noon Thursday that will certify participants on pontoon boat operations. Call outdoor recreation for details. The cost is \$5.

#### Long Shoals launch

Intermural bass fishing tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Truman Lake. Participants can register and pay a one-time fee of \$20 at outdoor recreation. This allows people to participate in 11 tournaments throughout the season. Call outdoor recreation for details.

#### Mountain bike adventure

Join us at 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 30 April for a trip to Landahl Park in Blue Springs, Mo. The 18.5 miles of trails and loops have something for everyone from beginners to advanced trail riders. The cost is \$7 for the transportation, bikes and helmets can be rented from outdoor recreation if required. Riders should bring a picnic lunch, water and a change of clothes and shoes.

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Whiteman Triathlon

Start training now for the Whiteman Triathlon June 18. The triathlon includes swimming 520 meters, a 10K bike ride and a 5K run. There are male and female individual open divisions and team divisions. Teams can be co-ed and must have a swimmer, runner and cyclist.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Prime rib buffet and country night

Mission's End is going country! There will be a prime rib buffet from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for nonmembers. After the meal participants can join in country line dancing from 8-10 p.m.

#### Sunday afternoon brunch

Join us for brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. The menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, roast beef, seafood (baked or grilled), rice, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, desserts and drinks. The cost is \$10 for people 13 and older, \$8 for ages 6-12 and \$2 for ages 5 and younger. Club members and their families receive \$2 off.

#### Administrative professional's luncheon

Treat your administrative professional to a luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at Mission's End. The menu includes shrimp cocktail, wild flower salad, triple cheese stuffed chicken breast and death by chocolate dessert. The cost is \$10.95 per person. Reservations must be made today.

### Tickets & Travel 687-5643

World Wrestling Entertainment Smackdown begins at 7:30 p.m. June 7 at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. Tickets and travel, located in the skills development center, has access to tickets before they are released to the general public. Call or stop by before May 4 to get the best seats. Prices vary from \$16.75 for upper level seating to \$36.75 for floor level. Visit <http://www.wwe.com> for more details about the show.